raw materials, components and consumables etc. These categories of importers will now have to follow Exim Scrip route for meeting their import requirements of above items.

[*Translation*]

Opening of Bridge on Gomati River Near Chandvak in Uttar Pradesh

7027. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open to traffic the newly constructed bridge on Gomati river near Chandvak on Varanasi-Gorakhpur National Highway in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received some complaints about the use of sub-standard material in the construction of the said bridge; and

(e) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Constitutionally this Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. All other roads are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories concerned. The bridge in question does not fall on any National Highway but on a State road. Therefore the Government of Uttar Pradesh is primarily responsible for its construction and opening tc traffic.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

Income Tax Collection from Government Employees

7028. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government employees who have paid income tax during the last three years and the amount of income tax collected from them year wise; and

(b) the total amount of Income tax collected by the Government during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINCANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR)

(a) The amount of income-tax collected by way of deduction of income tax at source from the salary of Government employees during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 was Rs. 228 crores, Rs. 241 crores & Rs. 216 crores respectively. The Central Board of Direct Taxes does not compile separate data regarding the number of Government employees who have paid Income-tax. The information will have to be collected from assessing officers and ITOs (TDS Circles spread all over the country. This will involve considerable time and effort, which will not be commensurate with the results sought to be achieved.

(b) The Income-tax collection (including corporation tax collection) during the last three years was as follows: